

Minutes of the Southeast PTO
March 6, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Edmond Chibeau, Monique Brown, Karen Sommer, Ron Baker, Lesley Sweeney, Julie Brown

THANK YOU'S: Ron Baker

Kimberly Clark and **all the people who helped**

get out the word about Early Dismissal during Thursday's blizzard.

Kathleen Romeo & Vicki Daniels

for their work on "March Nutrition Madness".

Margaret Morrison

for taking the Minutes last week in Monique's absence.

Karen Sommers

for her continued work wrangling the fundraisers into order.

Richelle Strimple

for researching & coordinating the Dine Out fundraisers.

Irene Sheehan

for working on the Spring photo fundraiser.

Kim Ewalt

for Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser planning.

Laura Powers

for designing the Ice Skating flyer – It was a well attended event, enjoyed by all and \$80 was raised from the donations.

Review of next Board of Education Meeting Agenda – March 9

Edmond Chibeau shared that Kevin Grunwald & Sandra Baxter will present at this meeting on the state-wide effort to reach out to parents of young families (school readiness initiative). There will be an update on the progress of full day Kindergarten as well.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Norma Fisher Doiron

- Highlights of the Calendar of Events:

March

Connecticut Mastery Testing began March 1 ends the 17th – the specials schedule has been adjusted to accommodate this

10th = Professional Development Day - No School

21st = Kindergarten Orientation for parents 7PM

29th = Science Fair/Invention Convention

30th = International Potluck supper (NOTE – this is a change from the previous date – 16th because of CMT testing)

April

5th - Town Council Meeting – vote on the budget

10th – 14th = TV turnoff week – Talent Show on the 11th

13th Passover

14th No school = Good Friday

17th – 21st = Spring Vacation

28th Assembly to begin preparations for the 50th celebration – 2:15

- Projections for the number of classes at each grade level for Southeast Fall 2006:
3 First Grade Classes
2-3 Second Grade Classes (looking more and more like 3 right now)
3 Third Grade Classes
3 Fourth Grade Classes
- 50th Anniversary Celebration: After reviewing the Board of Education minutes, there was a discrepancy as to when Southeast was actually opened. (1955-56 land was purchased, Southeast was built in 1957, and opened with students March 31st 1958. We are adjusting the 50th celebration accordingly calling it “The countdown to the 50th!” The following was sent out by Beth Latino, who is heading up this committee:

“We have planned an assembly for April 28th at 2:15 to commence this celebration. We are planning to sing a newly composed song written by Gwen Duff, plant a white dogwood tree (Bill Bradley will explain why we have made this selection), a banner will be presented (which will be hung in the main hall of the school), and possibly two invited alumni will speak: Steve Ardell –former principal and Annie Hall – former cafeteria worker who sold the land. As always, the committee welcomes your suggestions!”

- Parent’s Hour – Edmond Chibeau was the only one that attended Norma’s presentation on mastery testing at Southeast. The next PAC meeting will be by Douglas Hartman on integrating literacy language and culture with technology. This will be held Monday, April 3rd at 6pm in the computer lab. Please spread the word to be sure there is adequate attendance.
- The second Friday of May = Muffins for Mom instead of Special Person’s Day. It was suggested to change the format of this to a breakfast with special people because the 50th celebration has been reformatted. It would possibly be followed by a ½ hour visitation in the classroom. We could also wait until the fall and celebrate Special Person’s Day on the same day as the nationwide grandparent’s day. Norma will ask the staff and Sue Charron about these ideas to get feedback.
- We will not have our traditional Spring Enrichment Clusters. We will have one day with activities on puppets because of the artist in residence who will be visiting at that time.

TEACHER’S REPORT: Monique Brown

None at this time.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Monique Brown

February’s minutes were reviewed.

AMENDMENTS: None at this time.

Motion for acceptance by: Karen Sommer
2nd by : Ron Baker
All in Favor

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lesley Sweeney
February's Report was reviewed

One edit = Under "Fundraiser's" there was no income this month (the \$80 line item was from a previous report)

Norma Fisher-Doiron noted that we did not act on America's Education week and so \$150 was saved. Also, with the change in Special Person's Day, there will be significant savings (originally budgeted \$600). Puppetry will also be less than the original budget figure of \$3K as it is not as expensive as projected.

Edmond Chibeau complimented Lesley for making such a clear, concise report.

Motion to accept report: Ron Baker
Seconded by Karen Sommer:
All in Favor

FUNDRAISING REPORT: Karen Sommer

The Bulb Fundraiser, Munson's, and Butterbraid fundraisers going on
The Applebee's fundraiser coming up
The Papa Gino's fundraiser will be in April
Irene Sheehan is doing Steve Brimmer's black and white photos fundraiser on March 23rd

AGENDA ITEMS:

Teacher of the Year: Edmond Chibeau asked about this process. Monique Brown will ask Mickey Maheu about when the forms will be distributed. It was noted that these are filled out individually, not by the PTO.

Student Directory: Edmond reported that he spoke to someone at Vinton about this but they haven't sent the information out yet. They will be mailing out examples to Edmond. The biggest issue apparently is inclusion versus exclusion. At Vinton you had to opt out of being put in the directory, otherwise put in. Theirs is grouped by class and alphabetically. The district required a disclaimer that said this was issued by the school not the Mansfield Board of Education

Robert Roger's Puppets will be the artist in residence. More information can be found out about this organization at: www.robertrogerspuppets.com

Healthy Snacks: Edmond noted that Vinton received 18K to give out fruits and vegetables during this month. He will talk to see Beth Gankofsky about how they got it.

Southeast is currently having healthy snacks passed out every day during March to the students.

Library Book Bags: It was decided that we should send out a questionnaire about the library book bags to staff and parents to see if the \$400.00 should be spent on something else. Monique Brown will send out a flyer to parents and an email to the staff to get feedback.

Motion to adjourn: Ron Baker

Motion seconded by: Karen Sommer

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:11 PM
RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN 3/7/06
NEXT MEETING: April 3, 2006